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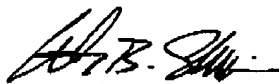
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It has now been noted by the applicants that the Examiner has drawn a line through WO 95/03867, cited with applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed with the instant application. See the initialed copy of Form PTO 1449 returned with the Office Action of August 11, 2004. It is presumed that this reference has been crossed out inasmuch as it is not in the English language. However, the reference was provided with a foreign search report which discusses the application and its relevance. It is submitted that this provides sufficient basis for the Examiner to have considered the reference. See M.P.E.P. §609. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the reference should have been considered, and it is respectfully requested that an initialed Form 1449 listing this reference be returned to applicants. An additional Form PTO 1449 is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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